



News Advisory

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CHARLESTON AFB TO RECEIVE NEWEST VERSION OF C-17

- What:** Charleston AFB is scheduled to receive 12 new C-17s by next spring to increase the primary aircraft inventory from 36-48. The first upgraded Block 13 aircraft for Charleston will arrive on Monday and will be flown in by Lt. Gen. Charles F. Wald, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations.
- Date and Time:** July 15 at 5:15 p.m.
- Location:** Charleston AFB flight line. (News media are asked to be at the Dorchester Gate no later than 4:50 p.m.)
- Why:** Block 13 C-17s have two major changes that increase the aircraft's capabilities: the Terrain Awareness Warning System and the Station Keeping Equipment Follow-On. TAWS helps to reduce the chance crashing into the ground by providing aircrew with a terrain map so they can identify them. SKE Follow-On is a new generation of software that helps pilots fly more aircraft in a larger range. Block 13 allows up to 100 aircraft to fly in a 100-mile range. The SKE Follow-On gives pilots an all-weather formation airdrop capability.
- Visuals:** New C-17 arrival and deplaning. A ceremonial key will be presented by Lt. Gen. Wald to Brian Fry, a civilian crew chief with the 437th Aerial Port Squadron.
- Contact:** For more information, please contact Capt. Carlos or Master Sgt. Murphy at 963-5589.